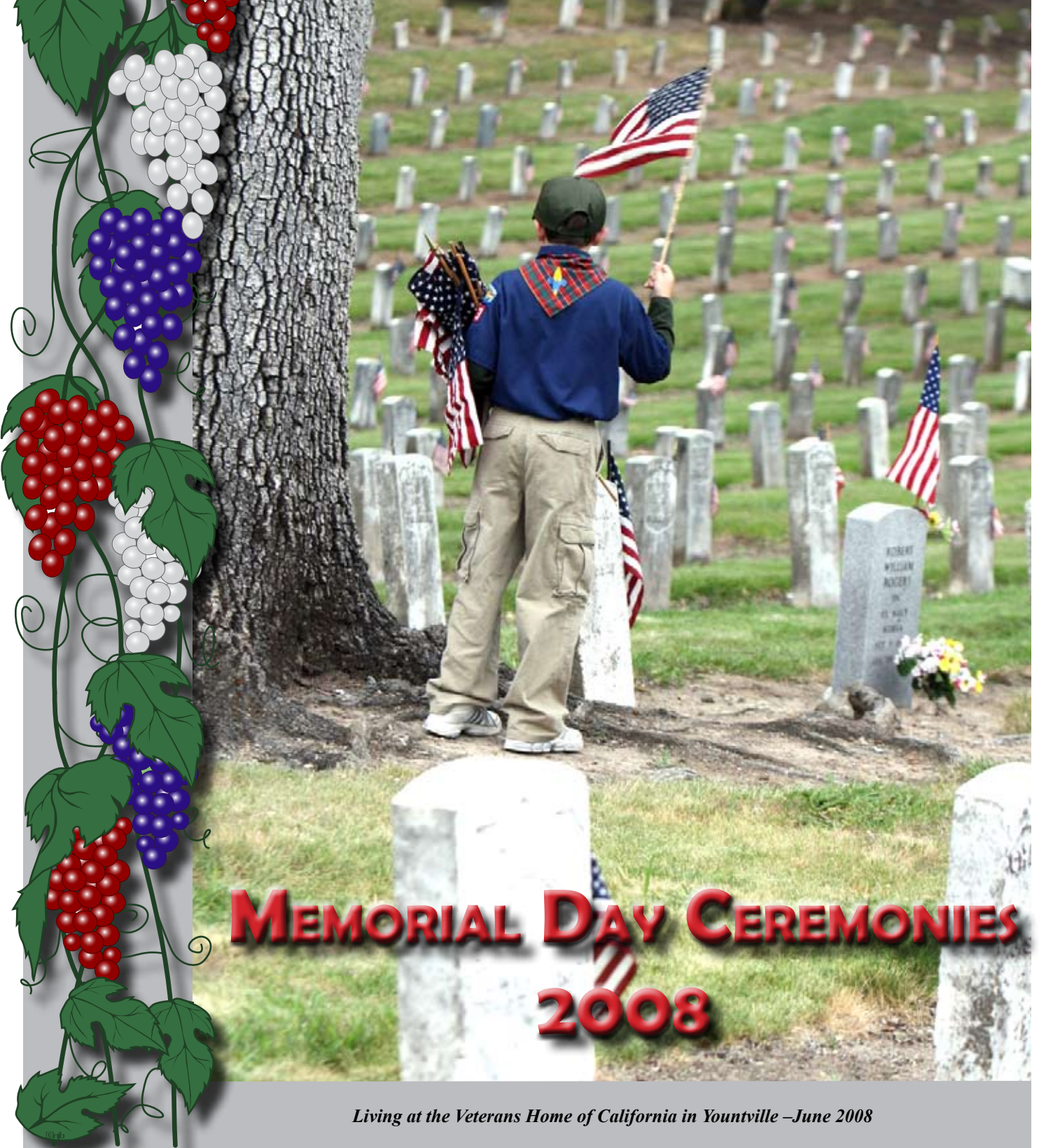


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Cemetery Cleanup Heralds Memorial Day Ceremonies

By Lou Zauner; Photos by Neil Remnant & Lou Zauner

What a crowd at the table setup near the entrance of the Yountville Veterans Home Cemetery. It was time to “sign-in” for participation in the annual ritual of raking, brushing, sweeping and “cleansing” of the grounds and headstones to prepare for Memorial



Day weekend and the activities to take place Saturday May 24, through Monday, May 26. Donuts and beverages were on hand for a beginning snack before work; and at approximately noon the Kiwanis sponsored huge barbecue was waiting to reward the dedicated workers.

Numerous volunteers from organizations such as Kiwanis, American Legion, the Boy Scouts, AmVets and many more, plus individual volunteers from the Veterans Home and the community joined together to honor those who had served by removing the overgrown and gathered debris from the markers and surrounding areas of the soldiers’ resting place.

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Posting of the Colors

By Lou Zauner

Starting as early as 7:30 a.m. Saturday, May 24, dozens of Cub Scouts, escorted by Cub masters and Den Mothers, along with small children and their parents and Boy Scout troops; began their mission of placing Flags on the vast number of headstones that mark graves of former Home Member Veterans.

Darting across the pathways and lawns of the now debris-free and beautified graves, the youngsters and their elder volunteers presented their respect and appreciation to the soldiers that now lie together within the scenic surroundings of the rolling hills. With the vineyards in the background, it becomes a magnificent toast to honor the pride and sacrifices for those who served.

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Home Member Ruth Thompson has worked on the cleanup for the past 8 years. Now 90 years old, Ruth says this may be her last year of cleanup.

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Occasionally a worker would briefly stop raking and look around at the magnificent views of rolling hills and vineyards in the background. The Cemetery is indeed hallowed ground and no better place to do service and pay tribute to our heroes.

Kiwanis Key Club
Members from Fairfield
Armijo High School









Following the placement of the flags, the monument became a classroom for learning more about the Flag. At the finish of comments and information from the Scout Leaders and Army Personnel for the Veterans Home Program, Staff Sergeant Robert Prior and Sergeant Michael Scofield from the California National

Guard gave further insight about Old Glory and its history, and trained the Scouts how to perform the Flag folding ceremony.

For all who took part in this important prelude to Memorial Day Ceremonies, it was indeed an enriching experience.







Decoration of the Cemetery Expression of Personal Devotion

By Lou Zauner

The Memorial Day Ceremony is preceded by days of solemn rituals which includes the Decoration of the Cemetery. Volunteers place flowers that have been donated by the community in the vase beside the headstone.

This year, Sunday, May 25, beginning at 4 p.m., the messengers were mostly children who eagerly and proudly carried their bouquets to their selective grave sites. The “head-quarters” for flower-preparation was established just inside the Cemetery Gate and efficiently directed by Volunteers Jill Kusel, Susan Heims and Susan Antonini.

The Decoration of the Cemetery is the important time for personal thoughts and feelings about the loved ones who served; and reflection on what Memorial Day is all about.



Living at the Veterans Home of California in Yountville



Thank you to the Kiwanis, Scouts, service organizations and the many other volunteers who worked so hard to beautify our cemetery.





The Watchfire

By Lou Zauner

Although the watchfire tradition can be traced back to medieval times when the fires were lit to guide the soldiers home from battle, the US tradition began over 200 years ago when George Washington built the fires to signal the cease fire that ended the Revolutionary War.

Each year, our Veterans Home Watchfire is another traditional event that precedes the Memorial Day Ceremony for Home Members. Family and friends gather with the Home Members for camaraderie, reminiscences, entertainment and a sumptuous barbecue prepared by the Chuck Wagon Gang and numerous volunteers.

This year's Watchfire began at 6 p.m. Sunday, May 25, and attracted a crowd of over 400. The long line of guests waiting for the hamburgers, hot dogs, baked beans, chili, potato salad, wine, water, sodas and more, wound around the entire seating area.

Country music presented by Helen and the Innovators. Our own rock band, the Fat Toads headed by Deputy Administrator and Guitarist Bart Buechner, played rock and roll blues and a variety of favorite songs for the crowd.

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*Tom Fisk, Vietnam Veterans #702;
Paul Beitzel, Keeper of the Watchfire.*



Memorial Day Ceremony

The Veterans Home Tribute to Pride, Sacrifice and Service

By Lou Zauner

As the last embers of the Watchfire dimmed, the Memorial Day Ceremony began--10 a.m., Monday, May 26. The soldiers had come home. It was time to remember those who did not return; and to pay tribute to our military--both fallen and survivors; in the past and in the present.

Deputy Home Administrator Bart Buechner, acting as Master of Ceremonies, introduced the dignitaries and speakers, and gave sincere thanks and credit to Staff, notable guests and volunteers for their services to the Home and their

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Then the Watchfire was lit! The fire was prepared and attended by Paul Beitzel. For the past 12 years Paul has devotedly cared for the fire which burns all through the night. The fire burned throughout the night to warm the Rough Riders, Vietnam Veterans and others who remained.

Thank you all—the great groups and volunteers who make it possible to share the warmth and peace of the Watchfire and to remember those who have gone before us and those who have yet to come home.





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dedication to the Veterans. The Scottish-American Military Society, with usual impressive dignity, presented the Colors; followed by the National Anthem led by Suzie Gilbert followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and invocation by Chaplain Robert Krieger.

Home Administrator Marcella McCormack, in her opening remarks, made the large attending assembly of nearly 400 aware that "this was the 140th Memorial Day." Following speakers included Cindy Saucerman, Mayor, Town of Yountville; Noreen Evans, Assemblywoman; Mark Luce, Napa County Board of Supervisors; and Tom Montague, Chair Allied Council. A Memorial Day remembrance from Congressman Mike Thompson, who could not be present, was read to the gathering. In their comments, all gave heartfelt tribute and



honor to those who served, to those who were no longer with us, and to those who are still protecting our freedom.

After fly-over salutes by the Spirit of Freedom Squadron WWII Vintage Stearmans, the Ceremony was concluded with Taps, Retiring the Colors, the Benediction, and the placement of wreaths from Kiwanis, The Town of Yountville and the Veterans Home at the base of the Obelisk.

Home Administrator Marcella McCormack eloquently summarized the emotional outpouring of gratitude on this Memorial Day with her words, "You Veterans are my heroes. We are here today as Veterans, we are all Americans, God Bless You."





Thank you to our photographers:

**Kathleen Madden, Glen Nock
Jody Price, Neil Remnant
Lou Zauner**



Veterans Home Volunteers Honored

By Lou Zauner; Photos by Neil Remnant & Lou Zauner



*Volunteer of the Year:
Rose Clark*

For acknowledgment of the thousands of hours contributed to the Home by dedicated volunteers from communities in the area, an “honorary brunch” was held in the Hospital Recreation Area on Tuesday, April 29, with extraordinary food provided by Compadres with champagne topping the list of beverages.

Awards and recognition courtesies were extended to individuals: Rose Clark, Volunteer of the Year, a Dedication Award to Barbara Reinking, and congratulations again to Hyther Butts of her accomplishment in being inducted in the Veterans Home Hall of Fame, April 4. The Volunteer Group of the Year award went to the Disabled American Veterans and Sports Rehab Center; and the “Quality of Life Award” to PAWS for Healing.

Special thanks to

Jim Wallace for Media Presentation and to Administration Staff and

Therapeutic Activities Staff for their hospitality.



*Volunteer Group of the Year:
Disabled American Veterans*



*Quality of Life Award:
PAWS for Healing*



Lumetra Program Revitalized

By Lou Zauner

In January 2005, Staff and Skilled Nursing Units introduced an innovative therapeutic leisure activity program associated with Lumetra, a non-profit organization dedicated to improving the quality, safety and integrity of healthcare. As Chief of Activities, Karen Zanetell explained at that time, the purpose the program was to offer “resident-choice activities in a comfortable more homelike environment to replace the daily ‘set-menu’ program that is the usual rest-home leisure activity.”

With the skill and help of the many volunteers and therapists such as Janette Eubank, Michelle Eiser and Ann Gilleran, the Lumetra Program has been “revamped” to include additional activities and to bring more inclusive interests to all members of the Veterans Home in addition to Hospital and skilled nursing domicile residents. Recently, announcements have been made for a “Wine Tasting Class” which requires pre-registration but is open to all Home Members. Likewise, there is now a “Special Monthly Luncheon,” “Happy Hour,” (yes, snacks and beverages are served) “Music and Movement,” (mild exercise program) and a “Drum Circle” session.

Two main purposes are encompassed in the new Lumetra Program: to engage all therapeutic and activity staff toward providing clients with individual-need leisure care and to expand activities to include all Home Members in a social environment for effective healthcare delivery.

Watch for postings and announcements of new and available activities for all Home Members; and for any inquiries or questions regarding these programs, contact the Activities Center: Phone 944-4900.



First Annual Member Arts & Crafts Show

By Lou Zauner; photos by Glen Nock & Lou Zauner



Edward Mowry and CAVE member Kyndrah Carson.



Sponsored by Help Hospitalized Veterans, a remarkable display of artistic items were on display beginning at 10:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday, May 3, in the Hospital Recreation Area.

On hand, for fascinating viewing, were models, kits and completed works of Wood Crafts, Leather Crafts, Paint Crafts, Ceramics and more. And not only was this exceptional display available presented with kits advertised to “fit your style,” but five Chico State College Students, C.A.V.E. Members (Community Action Volunteers in Education) were on hand to help Hospital Residents play, work and construct their selected kits.

All of this, including free kits of their choice to be given to Home Members, was coordinated by Crafts Instructor Tim Barker assisted by numerous volunteers and benevolently supported by Help Hospitalized Veterans. Tim emphasized this was to be an “annual” undertaking, but a super Christmas Craft Show will appear at the Veterans Home in December.



❀ Paws with Brandy ❀

Do You Want to Be a Purebred?

My dears, I love it when your families visit and you introduce me. I'm a little envious, too. I often wonder if I had brothers and sisters. I'm a maiden lady, but I might have nieces and nephews. Wish I could play with them. Some of you are writing family histories for your children and grandchildren. That's important, I think. It gives people a sense of self when they know where they came from, where their ancestors lived and what they did. It's particularly important for veterans, and I hope you all participate in the Oral History program.



I worry sometimes that I might embarrass you. Strangers on the grounds look at me and ask, "What kind of dog is that?" There's not much you can say to them, is there? You and I love each other, so you don't care where I come from, but outsiders think it's important. I don't want them to think your friend is just a nobody. So, I'm very excited to tell you that we will soon have an answer for them.

I listen in when you're talking about your medical problems, and I like to hear you say, "There's a really good new treatment for that". Science keeps giving us new answers, and, now, there's going to be one for me! I'm going to find out who my ancestors were! DNA testing will tell us what breeds of dog are in my background. All they have to do is take a swab inside my cheek. I'm going to ask one of the nurses in ACC to do it, so I can be confident it's properly collected.

We know, of course, that I'm a mix. We used to be called "mutts", then, "cross-breds", and now "All-American dogs". One of my walkers is 'family-proud'. He brags about his aristocratic ancestors. Well, let me tell you, dearies, there are some skeletons rattling around in his closet I could tell you about. And, while your ancestors may tell where you come from, they don't tell who you are. I heard a saying I like: "In a democracy, the aristocracy is those who care." ❀

Quilt Extravaganza

By Lou Zauner

A donation of handmade quilts were made to members of Hospital Ward 1B at 10 a.m., Wednesday, April 30.

Nineteen of these magnificent quilts were “created” by Barbara Reinking, Judy Pogledich and Sally Hensley. Nancy Welty, Activity Coordinator for Ward 1B discussed ideas with her neighbor, Barbara Reinking as to how the Ward could be made to “look com-

fortable and more home-like.” The result was the project creating and providing “quilts” to lucky Ward 1B recipients.

Thank you to Nancy for thoughtful concern and to Barbara, Judy and Sally for undertaking this enormous artistic endeavor.

Farewell to “Margie Patterson”

We are saying good-bye to Margie Patterson, Chief of Residential Care Services.

Margie started working at the Home in food service in July 1971, and states she thoroughly enjoyed that experience for the first 7 years. She transferred to the

Reimbursements Office for a year and half and then became a Section Leader for Section L when legislation was enacted for couples to come to the Home.

She served as a Section Leader in several of the domiciliary buildings to include Section’s F, C, J, H, and Cal-Vet when it was located in the Administration Building.

Margie became Chief of Residential Care in 2000 and now leaves us after 37 years of service to the Home. She has expressed how much she will miss her fellow employees and residents who have been like family.



News from the US Department of Veterans Affairs

VA Awards Nearly \$65 Million for California Veterans Homes

Grants for West Los Angeles, Ventura, Lancaster and Yountville

To continue construction of three major projects for veterans in California, while launching major renovations at a fourth facility, the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) has awarded the state nearly \$65 million.

“With these VA grants, the veterans of California can be assured that comfortable, state-of-the-art facilities are available to them in more locations,” said Secretary of Veterans Affairs Dr. James B. Peake. “These grants are another demonstration of VA’s commitment to California’s men and women who have served this nation in uniform.”

Grants totaling \$55.3 million will help pay for ongoing construction in West Los Angeles for a 396-bed state veterans nursing home, a 60-bed state veterans domiciliary and adult health care facility in Ventura, and a 60-bed state veterans domiciliary and adult health care facility in Lancaster.

Another grant of \$9.4 million will pay for improvements to the California veterans home in Yountville.

In July 2007, when VA awarded the state \$124.5 million for the West Los Angeles facility, senior VA officials joined Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger at a ground-breaking ceremony.

This year, VA expects to spend more than \$7.6 billion in California on behalf of the state’s 2.1 million veterans. VA operates 10 major medical centers in the state, along with nearly 50 outpatient clinics, 11 nursing homes and 21 Vet Centers.

Blood Drive: Friday, June 6 from 9am to 2 pm in the HRA

Donors receive an All-Star T-shirt and a chance to win 2 tickets to the All-Star Game at Yankee Stadium.

Please contact Linda Gagne at 944-4505 or register online at www.BloodHeroes.com click on “Find a Location” and enter Sponsor Code: cvhyount to schedule your life saving appointment.

- Donors should be in good health -Weigh at least 110 pounds
- Eat, drink lots of water/juice -Bring Photo Identification



Yountville Community Swimming Pool Schedule

The hours of 10:00am to 12:00pm are restricted to Veterans Home Members only. Bring your blue card to swim free. This schedule lists hours and activities available for Home Members, Yountville residents and guests.

Pre-Season Schedule: Pool will be open only on the following dates June 1st, 7th, 8th, 14th, 15th

Regular Season Schedule

Community Recreation Swim

June 16th ~ August 17th

Monday ~ Sunday / 12:00 pm ~ 5:00 pm

Lap Swim

June 16th ~ August 11th

Mondays / 6:30 pm ~ 7:30 pm

Family Swim

June 22nd ~ August 17th

Sundays / 5:00 pm ~ 7:00 pm

Swim Passes

Yountville Resident

Pass (equals to 15 adult swims or 30 youth/senior swims) \$30.00

Family Pass (2 adults/2 children) \$85.00

Each additional family members \$15.00

Senior Swim

June 16th ~ August 17th

Monday ~ Sunday / 10:00 am ~ 12:00 pm

Yountville Resident Swim

June 18th ~ August 13th

Wednesdays / 6:30 pm ~ 8:00 pm

Swim Entrance Fee

Adult (18 & over) \$3.00

Youth (17 & under)/Senior \$2.00

Non-Resident

Family Pass (2 adults/2 children) \$95.00

Each additional family member \$15.00

We accept major credit cards and debit cards



Monthly Pinochle Tournament Results from Tuesday, May 13

Congratulations to:

1st Place: Dale Oeson & Joe Maynard

each won a \$30 gift certificate to WalMart.

2nd Place: John Bolner and Marty Diamond

each won a \$25 gift certificate to Trader Joe's.

3rd Place: Cliff Lindsay and Bill Arenó

each won a \$10 gift certificate to Pacific Blues.

Next Pinochle Tournament: June 10th at 5:30pm



Visit Sammy in the Library

“Dem Bones, Dem Bones”

Contrary to rumor, chaps, the Veterans Home Library is alive, well and thriving in Madison Hall.

Our most faithful readers, research-

ers, communicators, et.al., have followed, but we're missing some of you. What do I have to do? Leave a trail of bones? Right-o, I'll do that.

The most dastardly fiction (except for some of that on the shelves) is that the book collection is aging with no new books being added. Now, let's look into that. If you have been in and looked at the shelves, you've noticed that the librarians left some room. Why? You got it! For new books. About thirty to sixty a month. Some members wonder why there's no 'Free Books' shelf now, Well, while they're looking for a shelf that'll fit, they're leaving a few about on tables, labeled "Free Book!" Mysteries solved!

Speaking of mysteries I've just noticed something. Mysteries have finally overtaken westerns as the most frequently read books in our library. So many are coming out that there are now mystery-thrillers, police procedurals, and, thanks to the very popular Dr. Kathy Reichs (she doesn't use the "Dr.," but I put it in to emphasize that she's a forensic anthropologist) the forensic science mystery. The television series, "Bones", is based on Reichs and her fictional heroine who lead almost identical lives.

Reichs has published ten novels in the last ten years (in addition to many academic papers in her field), beginning with *Deja Dead*. Check our shelves for *Bones to Ashes*, a favorite. She has competitors now. Just arrived is a corker, *Written in Bone* by Simon Beckett, about the controversial phenomenon of spontaneous human combustion. Want the opening?

Given the right temperature, everything burns. Wood. Clothing. People. Flesh will ignite, skin blacken and split. Subcutaneous fat starts to liquefy, like grease in a hot pan.

After that, it gets a little grisly.

Lincoln Hall Art Festival

July 25th 11:00 am to 2:00 pm

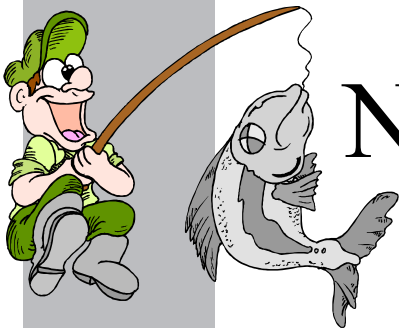
Lincoln Hall (Section A) has many talented artists that live within its walls. There are those that came from a life of artistry that paid and paved their way. Some have come into their passion as an artist later in their lives. They work to develop and perfect their craft.

Our goal is to celebrate their creative nature and have a forum to show and share their passion.

For those who have worked up an appetite the BBQ will be turning out the famous "Section A Burgers."

Come on out and show your appreciation for the veterans of Lincoln Hall.

Rather be fishing?



Now's your chance. Sign up in the Activities Office for the Fishing Tournament on Tuesday, June 10th and you can brag about the big one that got away. See you at the Veterans Home Fishing Pond at 10:00am.

Activities Office, Sec. F, room 236; phone: 944-4900

Hats and More Hats

By Nancy Kennedy, Chief Rehabilitation Services

It all started when Joni Brown decided to help her friend, Larry Teague, find a home for his collection of baseball hats...

Larry is a San Francisco Bar Pilot, who is responsible for piloting ships in and out of ports in the Bay Area. As per tradition, the various ships give the Pilot baseball hat representing their company, or branch of the service. These hats are from all over the world and commemorate shipping, navy, tug boats and Bar Pilots.

On her first trip to the Veteran's Home, Joni brought approximately 45 hats from Larry's collection, and then she started contacting other Bar Pilots. On her second trip, she brought 50 more and declared that she was "on a mission"! She wanted to secure enough hats for every member of the Home and believe it or not, with her energy and enthusiasm, I think she can do it.

Most of the current supply has been depleted, but if you're interested in one of these hats, please contact me at 944-4741 and I will reserve one for you from future collections.

June Special Events

*Note *** As of June 1st *** Activities office needs to be notified within forty eight*

(48) hours of trip for cancellations. Please call 707-944-4900.

“No Shows” will be stand-by only for future trips for 90 days.

Date		Time	Event	Local	Bus	Signup
3	Tue	9:15am	Legion of Honor Museum		MDR	Yes
		4:15pm	Oakland “A’s” vs Detroit		MDR	Yes
		8:00pm	“Gabriel Iglesias, Fluff Guy, Comic	LT		Yes
4	Wed	10:00am	SF Giants vs NY Mets		MDR	Yes
7	Sat	7:30am	Belmont Stakes – Santa Rosa		MDR	Yes
		10:30am	Greater North West Elks – Picnic	MPG		
9	Mon	10:00am	Target/Raley’s & Walmart		MDR	Yes
10	Tue	9:45am	Schultz Museum		MDR	Yes
		10:00am	Fishing Tournament	FP		Yes
11	Wed	9:00am	Allied Council	HRA		
		1:30pm	Bread & Roses Concert	HRA		
12	Thu	12:30pm	LeMelange/Library Napa		MDR	Yes
		10:00am	Remembrance Service	CHP		
13	Thu	8:15am	Alcatraz Island		MDR	Yes
14	Sat	9:00am	Operation Gratitude	HRA		
		8:00pm	“Defending the Caveman”	LT		Yes
15	Sun	7:30am	Senior Breakfast – Napa		MDR	Yes
		10:00am	Rivercats vs Tacoma		MDR	Yes
16	Mon	10:00am	Fairfield Mall		MDR	Yes
17	Mon	8:30am	Safari West		MDR	Yes
19	Thu	1:30pm	Stamp Collecting	HRA		
20	Fri	10:30am	Bunch for Lunch		MDR	Yes
23	Mon	10:00am	Costco – Fairfield		MDR	Yes
24	Tue	10:30am	Women Veterans to St. Helena		MDR	Yes
		8:00pm	“Indigo Girls” Music Mavericks	LT		Yes
26	Thu	10:00am	Oakland “A” vs Philadelphia		MDR	Yes
		12:30pm	LeMelange/Library-Napa		MDR	Yes
		6:00pm	Bowling at Napa Lanes		MDR	Yes
27	Fri	8:15am	San Francisco Ferry Trip		MDR	Yes
		1:30pm	Bread & Roses Concert	HRA		
		8:00pm	“Love Janis” Icon of the 1960’s	LT		Yes
28	Sat	8:00pm	“Love Janis” Icon of the 1960’s	LT		Yes
29	Sun	5:00pm	“Love Janis” Icon of the 1960’s	LT		Yes
30	Mon	10:00am	Vacaville Outlets		MDR	Yes

All activities are subject to change. Sign up early! Activities can fill quickly. Call 944- 4900

Key – 1C/1D: Hospital 1C/1D patio; BOR: Borman Field; CHP: Chapel; FP: Fishing Pond;

HL: Hospital Lobby; HRA: Hospital Recreation Area; LIB: Lincoln Library (Section G basement),

LT: Lincoln Theater; MDR: Main Dining Room; MPG: Main Picnic Grounds; CS: Coffee Shop/

Tavern (Section G main floor); VHC: Veterans Home Cemetery; VGC: Vintners Golf Course;

XII: Annex II; YNT: Yountville; YVP: Yountville Veterans Park.

Phishing related to issuance of Economic Stimulus Checks



FBI warns consumers of recently reported spam e-mail purportedly from the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) which is actually an attempt to steal consumer information. The e-mail advises the recipient that direct deposit is the fastest and easiest way to receive their economic stimulus tax rebate. The message contains a hyperlink to a fraudulent form which requests the recipient's personally identifiable information, including bank account information. To convince consumers to reply, the e-mail warns that a failure to complete the form in a timely manner will delay the issuance of the rebate check.

One example of this IRS spam e-mail message is as follows:

"Over 130 million Americans will receive refunds as part of President Bush's program to jumpstart the economy.

Our records indicate that you are qualified to receive the 2008 Economic Stimulus Refund.

The fastest and easiest way to receive your refund is by direct deposit to your checking/savings account.

Please follow the link and fill out the form and submit before May 10th, 2008 to ensure that your refund will be processed as soon as possible.

Submitting your form on May 10th, 2008 or later means that your refund will be delayed due to the volume of requests we anticipate for the Economic Stimulus Refund.

To access Economic Stimulus refund, please click here."

Consumers are advised that the IRS does not initiate taxpayer communications via e-mail. In addition, the IRS does not request detailed personal information via e-mail or ask taxpayers for the PIN numbers, passwords, or similar secret access information for their credit card, bank, or other financial accounts.

Please be cautious of unsolicited e-mails. It is recommended not to open e-mails from unknown senders because they often contain viruses or other malicious software. It is also recommended to avoid clicking links in e-mails received from unknown senders as this is a popular method of directing victims to phishing websites.

If you have received an e-mail similar to this, please notify the IC3 by filing a complaint at www.ic3.gov.

Phishing (fish'ing) (n.)

The act of sending an e-mail to a user falsely claiming to be an established legitimate enterprise in an attempt to scam the user into surrendering private information that will be used for identity theft.

The e-mail directs the user to visit a Web site where they are asked to update personal information, such as passwords and credit card, social security, and bank account numbers, that the legitimate organization already has. The Web site, however, is bogus and set up only to steal the user's information.

On Monday, May 19, the FBI announced the indictment of 38 “phishers” who have links to global organized crime. They were working mostly out of Romania and the U.S. but also had operatives in Pakistan, Portugal and Canada.

Here's how it generally worked:

- Fraudsters working primarily out of Romania—known as the “suppliers”—went phishing and obtained thousands of credit and debit card accounts and related personal information by sending out masses of spam.
- These suppliers then sent their ill-gotten financial data to their partners in the U.S.—so-called “cashiers”—through Internet chat and e-mail messages.
- By using some sophisticated but readily available software and technologies, the cashiers manufactured their own credit, debit, and gift cards encoded with the stolen information, giving them unfettered access to large amounts of money via ATMs and point-of-sale terminals.
- Before these cards were used, cashiers directed “runners” to test the cards by checking balances or withdrawing small amounts of money from ATMs. Then, these “cashable” cards were used on the most lucrative accounts.
- To bring the scheme full circle, the cashiers wired a percentage of the illegal proceeds back to the suppliers.

This scam cost thousands of people and hundreds of financial organization millions of dollars before it was stopped. Some of the U.S. Banks affected by this scam included People's Bank, Citibank, Capital One, JPMorgan Chase & Co., Comerica Bank, Wells Fargo & Co., eBay and PayPal.

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526th Armored Infantry Battalion Reunion

Please contact Julie in the Chapel Office, x4840, if you were in the 526th Armored Infantry Battalion during World War II. Two young men from Napa, relatives of a man who was in this AIB, are hosting a reunion meeting next September for these veterans and their families, and they would like to include anyone from the Veterans Home who may have been in this battalion.

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U.S. Attorney for the Central District of California Thomas P. O'Brien stated, "Just as street gangs don't respect municipal borders, computer criminals can reach into other countries and prey upon unsuspecting victims who have no idea their identities and money are going to another country."

We can't say it too often – **don't** respond to unsolicited emails or text messages, even from companies you do business with. None of these organizations will ask you to give them your passwords, account information, sensitive information or SS numbers via an email. Never access your financial institution via an email. Always close the email without clicking on any links and then use your usual method of logging into your account.

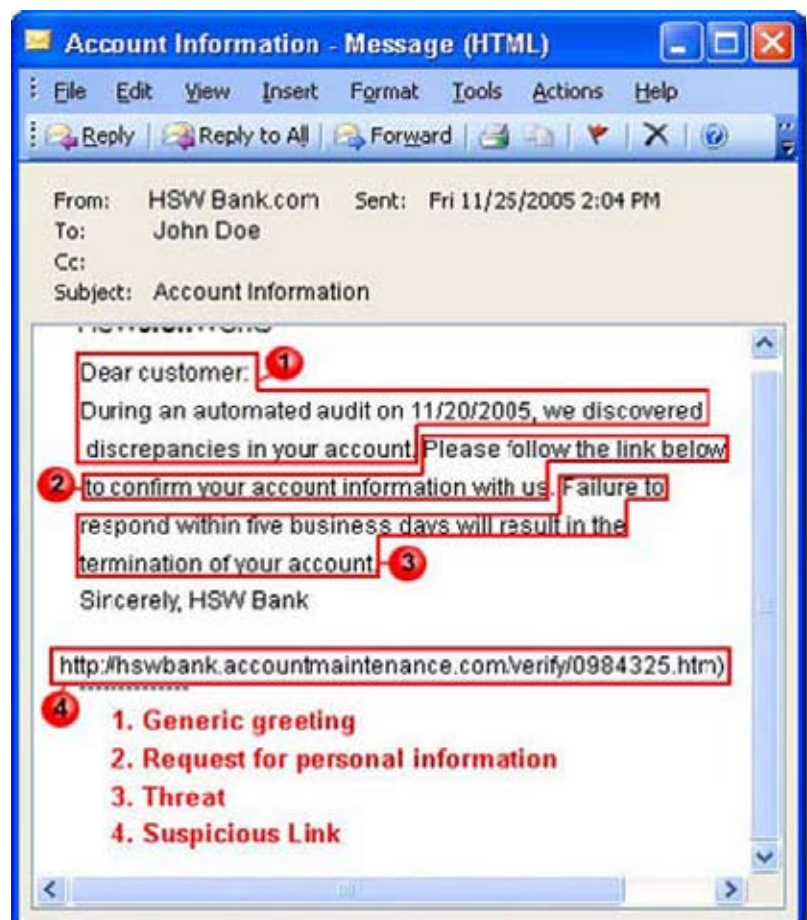
Suspicious email, right:

1. Generic greeting, however some phishing email may have your name.

2. Request to click on link in the email. Your bank will never ask for information in this manner. If you question the email, log into your bank rather than follow the link in the email.

3. Threat to your account

4 The link looks different. Remember that secure web sites begin with **https** rather than **http**. The "s" at the end of "http" indicates the web site is secure. Never follow a link in an email to access your financial institution. Accomplished phishers can imitate familiar web sites.



Coffee Shop Menus - June

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 <i>Breakfast Special</i> 1 French toast, 1 Egg, 2 Bacon or Links \$ 3.50	2 Pork Ribs, Baked Beans, Corn on Cob \$ 6.00	3 Fried Chicken, Mashed Potato, Veggies \$ 5.50	4 Sombrero Salad, Rice, Beans \$ 5.50	5 Italian Meatball Sandwich, Potato Salad \$ 5.50	6 Captains Plate, Fries, Cole Slaw \$ 6.50	7 <i>Breakfast Special</i> 2 Egg Ham & Cheese Omelet, 1 Toast \$ 3.50
8 <i>Breakfast Special</i> ½ Corned Beef, Hash, 2 Eggs, ½ Hash Browns \$ 3.50	9 Philly Cheese Steak, Macaroni Salad \$ 5.00	10 Fried Chicken, Fries \$ 5.00	11 Chicken Quesadilla, Rice, Beans \$ 5.50	12 Lasagna, Salad, Garlic Bread \$ 5.50	13 Crab Salad Sandwich, Fries \$ 5.50	14 <i>Breakfast Special</i> 1 Egg, 1 Bacon, 1 Toast, ½ Hash Browns \$ 2.75
15 <i>Breakfast Special</i> 1 Pancake, 1 Egg, 2 Bacon or Links \$ 3.50	16 BBQ Beef Sandwich, Potato Salad \$ 5.50	17 Chicken Fried Steak, Mashed Potato, Veggies \$ 5.50	18 Taco's, Rice, Beans \$ 5.50	19 Grilled Turkey, Bacon, Swiss Sandwich & Fries \$ 5.50	20 Grilled Tuna Sandwich, Fresh Fruit \$ 5.50	21 <i>Breakfast Special</i> Strawberry Waffle, 2 Bacon \$ 3.50
22 <i>Breakfast Special</i> 2 Biscuits, Gravy, 1 Egg \$ 3.25	23 Spaghetti, Salad, Garlic Bread \$ 5.50	24 Fried Chicken, Mashed Potato, Veggies \$ 5.50	25 Chile Relleno, Rice, Beans \$ 5.50	26 Patty Melt, Fries \$ 5.50	27 Fried Shrimp, Fries, Salad \$ 6.00	28 <i>Breakfast Special</i> Huevos Rancheros, Tortilla, 2 Eggs, Beans, ½ Hash Browns \$ 2.50
29 <i>Breakfast Special</i> Pigs in a Blanket, Pancakes and Sausage Links \$ 4.00	30 Meatloaf, Mashed Potato, Veggies \$ 5.50	July 1 Fried Chicken, Fries \$ 5.00				

Homemade Soup daily / Breakfast served till 11:30 /Indoor / Outdoor Seating /Open 7:00 a.m. 1:30 p.m. for Hot Food /Large Menu to Choose From/ 2 TV's/ Tavern Service 10:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m./Karaoke Friday Night/ Lottery 8:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. daily / 8:00-Noon Weekends

Borman Field Schedule

June 2008

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 American Legion 10:00 am 1:00 pm	2 no game	3 American Legion 5:30 pm	4 Joe DiMaggio 5:30 pm	5 American Legion 5:00 pm	6 American Legion 5:00 pm	7 American Legion 10:00 am
8 Jr. Division 2:00 pm	9 American Legion 5:00 pm	10 Jr. Division 5:30 pm	11 Joe DiMaggio 5:30 pm	12 no game	13 American Legion (14 yrs) TBA	14 American Legion 10:00 am 1:00 pm
15 American Legion 12:00 pm Joe DiMaggio 4:00 pm	16 American Legion 5:00 pm	17 American Legion 5:00 pm	18 American Legion 5:30 pm	19 no game	20 American Legion 5:00 pm	21 Jr. Division 11:00 am 2:00 pm
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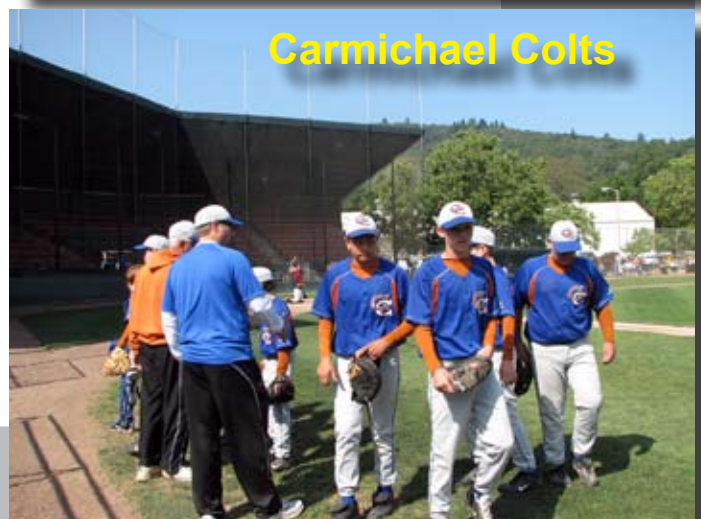
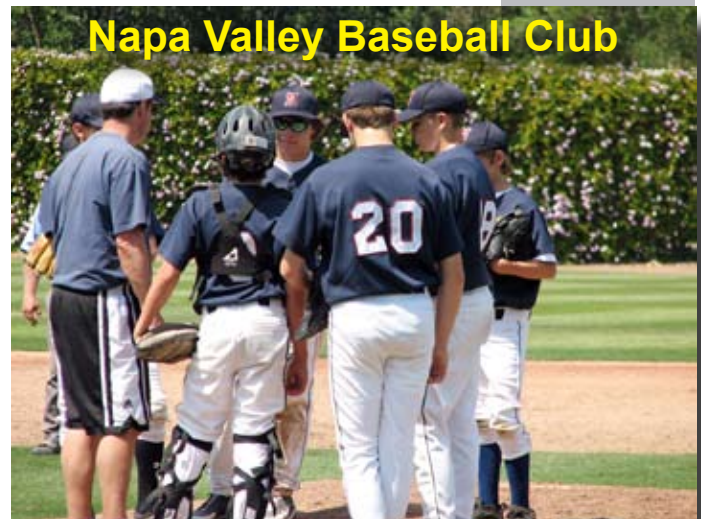
Another Baseball Epic to Open the Season

By Lou Zauner

Well, it may not have been exactly an “epic” but for participation by teams with players age 13 and under, it was a remarkable exhibition of skills demonstrated by these future big-league athletes and their dedicated coaches.

Borman Field hosted three Junior Legion teams Saturday, May 3: The Napa Valley Baseball Club, The Carmichael Colts and The Fairfield Expos. Napa Valley had their work cut out for them with only nine players and challenging the Carmichael Colts in the first game which began at 10 a.m. The final score was Napa 10, Colts 2. Beginning again at 1 p.m., Napa Valley played against the Fairfield Expos; with the end of this game, not quite as favorable: Colts 10 and Napa 9. Good game!

It was fun to once again begin attending baseball games at the Home, and the “Baseball Season” looks promising for great-sport entertainment. Now for opening of the “snack bar” with hot dogs, chili and cold beverages: necessary comfort food for baseball spectators.



Honor Flight Meeting for Yountville “Hub”

By Lou Zauner; photos by Neil Remnant & Lou Zauner

On Friday, March 21, an informational meeting was held in the Hospital Recreation Area to introduce interested Home Member veterans to make application for an all-expense-paid trip to Washington DC for the main purpose of visiting the World War II Memorial. The program is sponsored by the Honor Flight Network receiving contributions from military and business organizations and many more—but not from individual veterans.

The logistics of preparing for each flight, including overnight stays, schedules, transportation and the amount of miscellaneous details to accomplish for the safety and comfort of each fortunate veteran, who is given this “Honor Flight,” is immense. And, since all California flights to date have been scheduled from the Los Angeles Airport, it becomes necessary to establish a Board of Directors in Northern California for a “Hub” to accommodate the numerous veterans in this area for flights to emanate from Oakland or Sacramento Airports. A local organization to accomplish this mission for Northern California flights to begin in August or September 2008, is the first step.

A meeting toward this goal was held in the Hospital Conference Room, Monday, May 19, organized by Dick Hum and presenting speakers Deputy Administrator Bart Buechner and Richard Wing, a medical worker from the Palo Alto area. Approximately 25 meeting participants were introduced to the many factors involved in providing the Honor Flight for each participant. Officers and members from Amvets and other involved organizations were present to publicize the program through their organizations and to “recruit” for active “Board Members” to establish a Yountville Hub for Northern California veterans’ flight arrangements.

Anyone interested in obtaining an invitation for the flight or serving in the capacity of promotion for the Honor Flight program or serving on the forthcoming Board of Directors should contact Dick Hum, 944-4528.



Sculpture at the Napa Valley Museum

6 Dimensions through July 6, 2008

Arminee Chahbazian • Jack Chandler

Gordon Huether • Randy Hussong

Clifford Rainey • Rachel Riser

Nationally-recognized Napa Valley sculptors Arminée Chahbazian, Jack Chandler, Gordon Huether, Randy Hussong, Clifford Rainey and Rachel Riser will be celebrated at the Napa Valley Museum with an exhibition of their works through July 6, 2008.



Exhibition at the Napa Valley Museum

Greg Miller – Contemporary American Pop Art

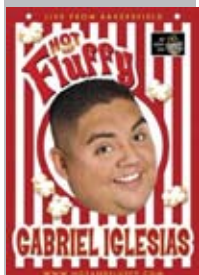
The Napa Valley Museum presents an exhibition by contemporary American Pop artist Greg Miller from June 20 to July 6, 2008.

The exhibition will be celebrated on Friday evening, June 27th starting at 8:00 PM, in conjunction with the Museum's Dance Party featuring top hits by rock band Jumpstart. Admission to the party is \$25 for members and \$50 for non-members, which includes a one-year membership to the Napa Valley Museum. Tickets to the party may be purchased by calling 707.944.0500.



The Napa Valley Museum is a private, nonprofit institution, located in scenic Yountville at 55 Presidents Circle adjacent to Domaine Chandon. The Museum is dedicated to providing unique experiences that enrich the cultural life of our community through changing and permanent exhibitions and educational programs related to the art, environment and history of the Napa Valley. The Museum is open daily, except Tuesday, from 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM. Admission is \$4.50 for adults, \$3.50 for students/seniors and \$2.50 for youth 7-17. Children under seven are admitted free. For additional information, please visit www.napavalleymuseum.org or call 707.944.0500.

Tue, Jun 3
8:00pm



Gabriel Iglesias “Fluffy Guy” - *Benefit for the Calistoga Firefighter Association* Gabriel “Picachu” Iglesias’ style of comedy is a mixture of story telling with characters and sound effects that bring all his personal issues to life. His amazing ability to cross over with a clean animated style of comedy has put him in big demand throughout the stand-up comedy circuit. Ask anyone who has seen him in concert and you will probably hear the same thing, “He was so funny!” This show is a fundraiser and is sponsored by the Calistoga Firefighter Association. All proceeds from this event will go to the Calistoga Firefighter Relief Fund and your ticket is tax-deductible.

Sat, Jun 14
8:00pm



Defending The Caveman Just in time for Father’s Day a return (by popular demand!) engagement of Defending the Caveman brings the longest-running solo play in Broadway history back to Lincoln Theater. This brilliant show provides hilarious insights on feminism, masculinity, erogenous zones and common relationship themes. Drag him to a show he’ll actually enjoy!

Thu, Jun 19
7:00pm

Way Off Broadway I: Children’s Theater Workshop, Session One Final Performance One of New York’s most prestigious children’s theater companies returns for the third consecutive year to conduct week-long workshops of classical theatrical skill building, creative thinking and group participation. In previous years, the finale performances have brought down the house - as well as the kids’ own inhibitions!

Thu, Jun 24
8:00pm



Indigo Girls with special guest Brandi Carlile 20 years after they began releasing records as Indigo Girls, Amy Ray and Emily Saliers have politely declined the opportunity to mellow with age. You could say it’s just not in their constitution. Devoted environmental and social justice activists and lifelong music-industry mavericks, the Girls have spent their entire career pushing boundaries on a variety of fronts. Why stop now?

Thu, Jun 26
7:00pm

Way Off Broadway II: Children’s Theater Workshop, Session Two Final Performance One of New York’s most prestigious children’s theater companies returns for the third consecutive year to conduct week-long workshops of classical theatrical skill building, creative thinking and group participation. In previous years, the finale performances have brought down the house - as well as the kids’ own inhibitions!

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Cyclists benefit Home

Rotary Ride for Veterans and Wine Valley Cycle for Sight



Photos by Glen Nock

More than 1000 cyclists rode on Saturday, April 27 in a bike ride organized by the Rotary Club of Napa. The cyclists began their ride at Justin Sienna High School in Napa for 15-, 25- and 50-miles rides to raise the money for the Enchanted Hills Camp for the Blind and Visually Impaired and the Pathway Home.

The *Hills Angels* wheelchair drill cheered on the cyclists as they entered the home to complete the Memorial Mile – a tribute to our troops and returning veterans. Home members, staff and Pathway Home residents joined in the ride as it circled the Home. About half of the cyclists continued the ride to the top of Mt. Veeder.

Lincoln Theater continued from previous page

- Fri, Jun 27** 8:00 pm **Love, Janis** Flashback to the Summer of Love with musical reminders of songs such as “Piece of My Heart”, “Try”, “Me and Bobby McGee” and “Ball and Chain” – all music of Janis Joplin, the icon of 1960’s rock music. Joplin comes back to life in both her music and her words in the Broadway smash, “Love, Janis” which explores the performer not only through her legendary songs, but also in the poignant and honest letters she wrote home to her family.
- Sat, Jun 28** 8:00 pm
- Sun, Jun 29** 5:00 pm



“Oldies” in the HRA

Monday – Musicals or Comedies

Tuesday – Drama or Westerns

Date	Time	Movie	Stars
June 2 Mon	6:00pm	The Broadway Melody (1929) ★★½ 100 min.	Charles King, Anita Page
June 3 Tue	6:00pm	Executive Suite (1954) ★★★ 105 min.	William Holden, June Allyson, Barbara Stanwyk
June 9 Mon	6:00pm	Gold Diggers of 1935 (1935) ★★★½ 96 min.	Dick Powell, Adolphe Menjou
June 10 Tue	<i>no movie – Pinochle Tournament at 5:30pm</i>		
June 16 Mon	6:00pm	Barkleys of Broadway (1949) ★★★ 110 min.	Fred Astaire, Ginger Rodgers
June 17 Tue	5:30pm	Bridge on the River Kwai (1957) ★★★★★ 161 Min	William Holden, Alec Guinness
June 23 Mon	6:00pm	Never Say Die (1939) ★★★ 82 min.	Bob Hope, Martha Raye
June 24 Tue	6:00pm	The Stranger (1946) ★★★ 94 min.	Edward G. Robinson, Orson Wells, Loretta Young
June 30 Mon	6:00pm	Gettysburg, part 1 (1993) ★★★½ 145 min.	Special Docudrama with an All-Star cast
July 1 Tue	6:00pm	Gettysburg, (conclusion) 115 min.	

Bus Transportation is now provided after the movie on both Monday and Tuesday.



🎵 **Sing-Along with Kate** 🎵

Join us for old favorites, music trivia and fun on Mondays at 1:30 pm in the Sec F Second Floor Dayroom. For more information, please call 944-4750.

WEDNESDAY & FRIDAY MOVIES IN THE HRA

Wed, Jun 4 – “Casablanca”

1942 classic considered one of the best Hollywood movies of all time. Cast: Humphrey Bogart, Ingrid Bergman, Paul Henreid, Claud Rains, Peter Lorre, Sydney Greenstreet and Dooley Wilson. ★★★★★

Fri, Jun 6 – “A Good Year”

2006 romantic drama takes place in England, France and Napa Valley, California. Stars: Russell Crowe, Marion Cotillard and Albert Finney. ★★★

Wed, Jun 11 – “Sweet and Lowdown”

1999 Woody Allen drama/non-comedy about 1930s jazz guitarist. Stars: Sean Penn, Samantha Morton and Uma Thurman. Very good acting and music. ★★★

Fri, Jun 13 – “The Great Debaters”

New (2007) inspiring drama about 1930s debaters from small black Texas college defeating nation’s top white debating team. Stars: Denzel Washington and Forest Whitaker. ★★★

Wed, Jun 18 – “The Bishop’s Wife”

1947 fantasy/drama. Cary Grant plays angel arriving to help Bishop David Niven and his wife Loretta Young raise money for new church. Cast includes Monty Wooley, Gladys Cooper and Elsa Lancaster. ★★★

Fri, Jun 20 – “The Orphanage”

New (2007) beautifully filmed Spanish thriller about couple who decide to re-establish orphanage on grounds where wife grew up. Spirits seem to appear trying to make themselves heard. ★★★

Wed, Jun 25 – “High Noon”

1952 classic Western stars Gary Cooper as marshal left to face gunman who comes seeking revenge. Cast: Grace Kelly, Thomas Mitchell, Lloyd Bridges, Otto Kruger, Lon Chaney Jr. and Lee VanCleaf. ★★★★★

Fri, Jun 27 – “Wild Hogs”

New (2007) comedy with four middle-aged pals bored with their lives, decide to take road trip on their Harleys. All sorts of trouble follows - funny/silly and slapstick. Cast: John Travolta, Ray Liotta, Tim Allen and Wm. Macy.



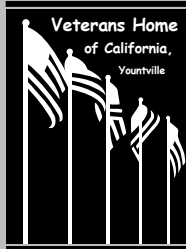
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